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[This report is the result of a joint collection effort of the Air Force, the Army and CIA and is disseminated in accordance with the provisions of NSCID #7.]

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1. In 1944 I was the Commander of the Gendarme at Bacska. I was arrested as a war criminal in 1945 and accused of not doing anything to prevent the mass deportation of Jews from the Bacska area during the German occupation.
2. I arrived in Tallien, USSR in August 1945. I was not made to work here since I was considered a staff officer. This camp had about eight thousand inmates, and was guarded by Soviet soldiers. I was transferred from this camp in December 1945.
3. From December 1945 to December 1947, I was at a camp near Michailovka which contained around seven or eight thousand prisoners. This camp was located deep in a forest and the entire camp was forced to cut wood.
4. From December 1947 to December 1950, I was imprisoned at Camp #4 in Kiev which had a prisoner population of about 10 thousand to 12 thousand. While here, I worked as an orderly in the Prison Hospital which provided medical support for 11 Prisoner of War Camps.
5. In December 1950, I was returned to Hungary where I endured many months of interrogation while confined in various AVO prisons. I am able to give locations and descriptions of all these prisons, AVO personalities at these prisons, and AVO interrogation methods. Most of my imprisonment in Hungary was in the following prisons: Kazincbarcika [4815N 2038E], Budapest: Marianosztra [4752N 1832E] and Vac [4746N 1908E] AVO prisons.
6. I was not sentenced until 25 Nov 53 and my sentence was 15 additional years of imprisonment. After the trial I was imprisoned alternately in Budapest and Marianosztra [On file is an overlay locating the Marianosztra and Vac Prisons/ (4746N 1908E). The prison in Budapest was about 20 kilometers southeast of the center of Budapest, near the Mates Cemetery. It consists of three buildings and has a capacity of approximately seven thousand prisoners. (Collector's note: Source could not locate on map.)
7. During my imprisonment there was an internal reorganization of the AVO. Around 1952, BV guards came into existence. BV stands for Internal Prison

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guard (in Hungarian "Belugy Viszony"). These guards were actually AVO personnel but they worked exclusively inside AVO prisons.

8. The regular AVO personnel wore khaki colored uniforms but BV guards wore "pigeon" grey uniforms. They wore two different types of jackets. One was a double breasted jacket which was worn with a khaki colored shirt and tee. The other jacket had five gold buttons in front and buttoned up the front to the neck. It had a stiff stand-up collar characteristic of Hungarian uniforms. The collar tab ornaments of this jacket and the tabs worn on the lapels of the double breasted jacket consisted of a blue background with one gold rifle superimposed upon it. Either "pigeon" grey trousers or breeches could be worn with this uniform. It was worn with either a service cap or a garrison cap. The shoulderboards worn with both jackets had a blue background with red piping.
9. The highest ranking officer that I saw wearing this BV uniform was a lieutenant colonel. Many times I saw AVO personnel who changed from this BV uniform into the regular khaki colored uniform when they went off duty.
10. I have never heard of any so-called "Rend" or "R" guards during my imprisonment. Perhaps this refers to metropolitan civil police which are called Rendor. (Literal translation is "order guard." The term "rendor" is opposed to the term "csendor" which was the term given to the now extinct rural police or Gendarmes.)

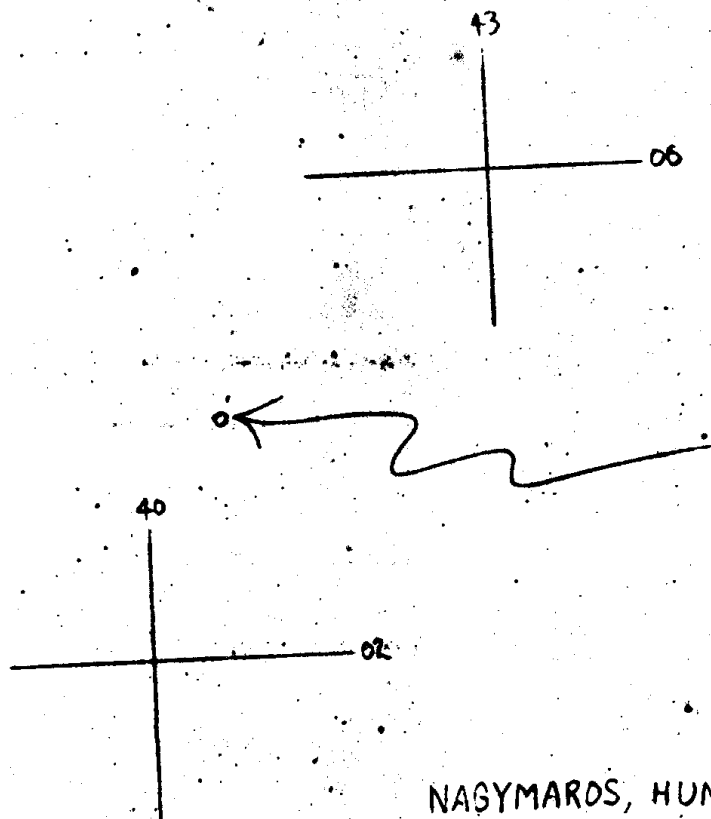
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LOCATION OF AVO PRISON
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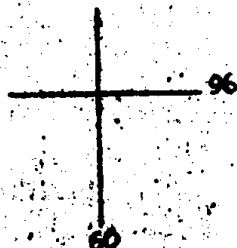
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